CEED Wins Silver at Prestigious National Competition

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The Centre for Entrepreneurship Education and Development (CEED) has been given a silver award at a prestigious national competition.

CEED received its award for innovative management in the public sector. The award was presented in Ottawa today by the Institute of Public Administration of Canada (IPAC).

"It is the first time in the 10-year history of the award that Nova Scotia has been an IPAC Innovative Management Award finalist," said Education Minister Jane Purves. "CEED had stiff competition from 108 submissions across the country. To win the silver is indeed an honour."

CEED was given the award for its overall work as a catalyst for youth entrepreneurship. The Canadian Radio-Television Telecommunications Commission was given the gold award for its Interconnection Steering Committee, which brought together the public and private sector. The Ontario Ministry of Energy, Science and Technology took third place for its Virtual Ministry project. The Innovative Management Award is sponsored by PricewaterhouseCoopers and IBM Canada.

Collaboration: New Approaches to Policy and Management is the theme of this year's award, and it fits CEED's mandate. CEED's ability to function is based on collaboration between federal and provincial governments and the development of private-sector partnerships. This collaborative effort has ultimately helped young entrepreneurs start 700 businesses and create 1,200 jobs in Nova Scotia over the past five years.

"CEED has developed more than 30 partnerships within the public and private sectors that have resulted in $11 million in funds for entrepreneurship programs over the past five years," said the minister. "I want to thank these partners for making CEED a success and making this award possible."

The institute is a leading Canadian private not-for-profit organization concerned with the theory and practice of public management. With 17 chapters across Canada, IPAC provides networks and forums for the exchange of ideas on practices, trends and innovation in public administration regionally, nationally and internationally.

CEED is a joint venture funded by the Nova Scotia Department of Education and the Canada/Nova Scotia COOPERATION Agreement on

Economic Diversification, which is managed by Nova Scotia Economic Development and the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency.

CEED has also established funding partner relationships with the Nova Scotia Department of Community Services and Human Resources Development Canada and strategic partnerships with the Royal Bank Financial Group, CBC-TV and Atlantic Progress magazine. Working toward a common goal of a dynamic entrepreneurial culture, CEED and its partners are creating entrepreneurship programs that are earning international acclaim.

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